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SUBJECT: USG-GOU RELATIONS

1. CHARGE SHOULD SEEK MEETING WITH
PRES. AMIN AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS STATE OF OUR
RELATIONS AND TO MAKE ORAL DEMARCHE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES.

2. YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN TO AMIN THAT YOU WERE RECENTLY RE-
CALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS TO DISCUSS FUTURE OF U.S.-UGANDAN
RELATIONS. USG IS WELL AWARE OF DESIRE WHICH PRES. AMIN
HAS EXPRESSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH
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U.S., AND YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO INFORM HIM THAT USG SHARES

HIS DESIRE. IN THIS CONNECTION, HOWEVER, RECENT STATEMENTS BY AMIN CONCERNING THE US IN MESSAGES TO CHIEFS OF STATE AND IN OTHER DECLARATIONS, WHICH WE CONSIDER INTEMPERATE, INAPPROPRIATE AND IN SOME INSTANCES AN INTERVENTION IN MATTERS PURELY INTERNAL TO THIS COUNTRY, APPEARED AT VARIANCE WITH AMIN'S EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR GOOD RELATIONS. THE DEROGATORY AND INSULTING TONE OF THESE STATEMENTS MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO CONSIDER THEM CONSONANT WITH FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES, AND RAISES QUESTION AS TO WHETHER GOU DOES INDEED WISH GOOD RELATIONS WITH USG. MOREOVER, MAKING MESSAGES TO USG PUBLIC BEFORE THEY ARE RECEIVED AND WITHOUT OBTAINING PERMISSION OF ADDRESSEE IS CONTRARY TO ALL ACCEPTABLE DIPLOMATIC PRACTICES. NEVERTHELESS, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO TELL AMIN THAT WE REMAIN HOPEFUL FOR IMPROVED

RELATIONS AND IT IS OUR DESIRE AND INTENTION TO MAINTAIN OUR PRESENT REPRESENTATION IN KAMPALA PROVIDED IT IS EVIDENT FROM GOU'S ACTIONS THAT IT WANTS GOOD RELATIONS.

3. AS SEPARATE MATTER YOU SHOULD INFORM AMIN THAT YOU WERE INSTRUCTED TO SEEK ASSURANCES ON RECEPTION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN UGANDA. WITH RESUMPTION OF TOURISM, SOME PROSPECTIVE TOURISTS AND TRAVEL AGENCIES HAVE HAD CONTINUING OCCASION TO RAISE WITH US CERTAIN QUESTIONS ABOUT VISITING UGANDA. BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE CONFUSION WHICH COULD ARISE OVER SOME U.S. NATIONALS HOLDING US PASSPORTS WHO MAY BE CONTEMPLATING VISITING UGANDA, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF JEWISH FAITH, WE REQUEST SPECIFIC CLARIFICATION OF STATUS AND TREATMENT WHICH GOU INTENDS ACCORD TO THEM. IN ORDER TO CLARIFY CURRENT SITUATION FOR THOSE WHO INQUIRE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING PRES. AMIN'S ASSURANCES THAT ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS ENTERING UGANDA WILL BE WELCOMED AND TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL NORMS REGARDLESS OF THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OR ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS. KISSINGER UNQUOTE RUSH UNQUOTE PORTER

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